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SUMMARY: BERLIN MAYOR (DEPUTY TO GOVERNING MAYOR) AND SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS, WOLFGANG LUEDER, PLANS TO VISIT UNITED STATES BEGINING SEPTEMBER 18 FOR PERIOD OF 10 TO 14 DAYS. LUEDER REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARIES KREPS AND BLUMENTHAL. LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO HOLD SPEECH BEFORE UNIVERSITY AUDIENCE, PERHAPS AT ONE OF THE MILITARY ACADEMIES AND/OR BEFORE REGIONAL COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS ORGANIZATION. HE WILL ALSO VISIT SEVERAL U.S. BUSINESSES. LUEDER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO ASSISTANTS AND HALF DOZEN PRESS. END SUMMARY.

1. WOLFGANG LUEDER, SENATOR FOR ECONOMICS AND MAYOR OF BERLIN AND CHAIRMAN OF BERLIN'S FDP HAS ADVISED MISSION THAT HE INTENDS TO VISIT UNITED STATES FOR A PERIOD OF 10 TO 14 DAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18. LUEDER'S OFFICE HAS ASKED US IF THERE IS ANY REASON WHY LUEDER SHOULD NOT VISIT WASHINGTON DURING THIS PERIOD (E.G. CONFLICTS WITH PLANNED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OR INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFERENCES WHICH WOULD MAKE KEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS COMPLETELY UNAVAILABLE). PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO CONTINUE OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH TOP US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN COMMERCE, FINANCE, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND TO PROMOTE CONSCIOUSNESS FOR BERLIN IN US. LUEDER WILL, OF COURSE, NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE HIS IMAGE WITH AN EYE TOWARDS NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

2. LUEDER CONSIDERS APPOINTMENTS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES KREPS AND BLUMENTHAL TO HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY DURING HIS TRIP. REALIZING THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A COMMITMENT FROM CABINET-RANK OFFICIALS AND FROM THE WHITE HOUSE SO FAR IN ADVANCE, LUEDER'S OFFICE HAS NEVERTHELESS ASKED IF DEPARTMENT CAN DETERMINE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS EITHER AT BEGINNING, MIDDLE, OR END OF THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD PROPOSED SO THAT LUEDER CAN BEGIN TO LAY PLANS FOR OTHER PORTIONS OF HIS TRIP.

3. WHILE IN WASHINGTON LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH GERMANY AND BERLIN, AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE WISHES AS WELL TO CONTINUE CONTACTS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED WITH SUB-CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS AT COMMERCE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS.

4. AS PART OF THE BERLIN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO RE-AWAKEN AMERICAN CONSCIOUSNESS FOR BERLIN, MAYOR LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO HOLD AN ADDRESS BEFORE AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AUDIENCE. SPECIFICALLY HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AN INVITATION TO SPEAK BEFORE THE CADETS AT WEST POINT OR THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY. LUEDER'S REASONING IS THAT ACADEMY GRADUATES WILL VERY LIKELY COME TO EUROPE, MOST LIKELY TO GERMANY, AND POSSIBLY EVEN TO BERLIN, EITHER IN A NATO CAPACITY OR AS PART OF THE BERLIN BRIGADE. LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY

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OF AN ADDRESS TO DESCRIBE BERLIN'S SITUATION AND THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE FROM A EUROPEAN'S POINT OF VIEW, AND TO OFFER HIS PARTICULAR THANKS FOR THE COMMITMENT OF THE US ARMED FORCES TO THE DEFENSE OF BERLIN AND WESTERN EUROPE. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR AN ADDRESS AT ONE OF THESE TWO MILITARY ACADEMIES LUEDER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AN INVITATION TO ADDRESS AN APPROPRIATE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF BERLIN AND THE AMERICAN ROLE IN EUROPE AS SEEN FROM A BERLINER'S POINT OF VIEW. MISSION OFFICER SUGGESTED AS ONE POSSIBILITY TO LUEDER'S STAFF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WHICH, LOCATED IN MINNEAPOLIS, OFFERS A NATURAL FOLLOW-UP TO THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FRIENDSHIP FORCE EXCHANGE BETWEEN MINNEAPOLIS AND BERLIN COMPLETED EARLIER THIS MONTH. REFTEL) LUEDER'S OFFICE INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR SPEAKING TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AUDIENCE LOCATED AWAY FROM WASHINGTON AND THE EAST COAST.

5. MISSION OFFICER ASKED LUEDER'S STAFF IF THE MAYOR MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN SPEAKING TO ONE OF THE REGIONAL OR STATE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS GROUPS. LUEDER'S OFFICE WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COUNCIL BUT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ADDRESSING SUCH A GROUP IF THIS COULD BE ARRANGED. HIS OFFICE MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, A

PREFERENCE FOR A UNIVERSITY ADDRESS.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, LUEDER INTENDS TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH "SEVERAL" AMERICAN FIRMS. HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHICH ONES. WE WILL PASS ON THIS INFORMATION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO US. LUEDER WILL CONTACT PANAM HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK AT SOME POINT DURING THE VISIT.

7. OTHER LIKELY CONTACTS WHICH LUEDER WILL MAKE DURING HIS VISIT WILL BE WITH THE ASPEN INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK CITY, THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AND POSSIBLY WITH TRADE FAIR ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

8. MAYOR LUEDER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT HIS TRIP BY HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONAL ASSISTANT MRS. ERIKA RICK-PETRY AND DEPUTY SENAT PRESS SPOKESMAN JOERG HENSCHER (FDP) WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 5 TO 7 MEMBERS OF THE BERLIN PRESS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE MAYOR THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. HENSCHER HAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR SEPARATE BRIEFINGS FOR PRESS MEMBERS IN STATE DEPARTMENT OR AT OTHER DEPARTMENTS AT THE TIME WHEN LUEDER IS HAVING OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE, COMMERCE, AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

9. LUEDER WILL NOT REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER FOR VISITS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON OR FOR ANY SPEECH HE MAY GIVE. WE WOULD RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT AN INTERPRETER BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.DAVIS

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